Television serial on Mahabharat

2884. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan propose to telecast any serial on Mahabharata; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has given concept approval for production of the serial 'Mahabharat' by a private Producer namely Shri B. R Chopra. All arrangements such as shooting of the serial etc. is the responsibility of the said producer. A pilot of the programme is yet to be submitted by the Producer for approval of the Selection Committee. Doordarshan can schedule the serial as per their programme need only after at least four complete episodes are made available to Doordarshan by the Producer.

Nomination on the Central Wakf Council

2885. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently asked for a Panel from the Andhra Pradesh Government to be nominated on the Central Wakf Council; and

(b) if so, whether the names recommended by the State Government has been included in the said Panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) Suggestions were invited from various sources including the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for nomination to the vacancies in the Central Wakf Council in 1986. A large number of names were received. The name received from Andhra Pradesh State Government was not included in the nomination.

Adverse reaction to the operation Flood Bulletin in Europe

2886. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse reaction in Europe to the Indian Bulletin on Operation Flood in India's life and part of it issued by the Economic Mission of India to the EEC with a highly inaccurate facts and figures under the foreword by India's Ambassador;

(b) whether apart from the above recent pamphlet issued, the Indian Embassy had issued a pamphlet in January, 1986 stating that India was surplus in animal feeds;

(c) whether these pamphlets were cleared by the nodal Departments before issue and, if so, whether action has been taken against those responsible for this; and

(d) whether Government propose to issue authentic and accurate pamphlets on the above subjects and also make suitable amends to the reading public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Inclusion of Physio Therapists and Occupational Therapists in Rehabilitation Course

2887. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had requested

not to include the P.T. and D.T. in the rehabilitation course; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Disciplinary proceedings against officials of NCCF

2888. SHRI KALPNATH RAI. Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 249 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1987 and state.

(a) what are the names/designations of 16 officials of the NCCF against whom Disciplinary Proceedings were initiated giving the amount of short remittals/shortages against each and the amount recovered so far there against,

(b) whether the Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Police have finalised their investigations;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps have been taken to quickly complete the Disciplinary Proceedings against the defaulting officials and realisation of the huge unrecovered amounts from the employees concerned?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L BHAGAT): (a) The information in respect of 15 employees involved in the case as furnished by NCCF is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 130].

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) NCCF has reported that departmental enquiries against 9 employees have been completed and enquiries against the remaining six employees are in progress.

Sale of processed stocks to a fake firm by NCCF

2889. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4110 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the processed stocks were sold to a fake non existant party namely M/s. Aggarwal Traders and no steps were taken by the then Branch Manager, Delhi Branch in the NCCF to verify its genuineness while accepting their offer;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said Branch Manager (now Manager-vigilance) had recently been promoted retrospectively as Manager from the date of absorption and then as Chief Manager against the rules without setting off the pensionary benefits being drawn by him from the Madhya Pradesh Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about Rs. 33,000 had recently been paid to the Manager (Vigilance) as arrears despite assurance to the contrary that no arrears would be paid to the officer concerned; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken to fix the responsibility for these lapses?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L BHAGAT): (a) This has been denied by the NCCF, which has reported that the stocks were sold on the basis of quotations received by the Federation from five parties, amongst whom M/s. Aggarwal Traders, offered the highest rate.